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**SB 942 - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities**  
**POSITION: FAVORABLE**

AFSCME Council 3 supports SB 942. This legislation requires the DPSCS with the advice of the Health Secretary to update the mandatory standards for inmate food every 5 years. It also requires that inmates can select their meal and beverage of choice without requiring a medical or religious exception. Correctional officers have long advocated for better food in our prison system. Our members see first-hand when inmates are displeased with the food choices available to them. Recent changes in the food vendor contract has made the food much worse.

SB 942 provides a reasonable and measured approach to ensure that food choices in the prison system are evaluated on a regular basis and according to the best nutritional standards.

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report on SB 942.

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